

# In-ground Pools

## Do I need a permit for an in-ground pool?

Yes. Massachusetts Building Code specifies that in-ground pools require a permit prior to the installation of the pool. A permit can be issued to the Contractor/Installer or to the Homeowner.

## Who can install my pool?

Pools must be installed by licensed contractors or Pool Company who hold a construction supervisor license. If the homeowner has applied for the permit and is acting as the general contractor for the project, he/she must provide documentation of worker's compensation insurance for any subcontractor they hire.

## How do I get a building permit for my pool?

In order to issue a permit the following are required:

- Completed application form;
- Plot plan by a licensed surveyor showing the proposed location of the pool, fence enclosure and the setbacks from the property lines;
- Application fee.

## What inspections will I need?

- An excavation inspection and/or back fill inspection (depending upon the style of pool being installed)
- A final inspection which includes a fence inspection. An as built plan by a licensed surveyor must be submitted prior to requesting a Final Inspection

*Contractors/homeowners may request an inspection by calling the office at 508-885-7500 x 180.*

## Will I need an electrical permit?

Yes. Electrical permits must be pulled by a licensed electrician. The electrician is responsible for obtaining the permit and arranging for inspections.

## Will my insurance company want any information regarding my in-ground pool?

Possibly. Many homeowners send a copy of their permit with the Building Inspector's sign off on it to the company that provides their homeowner's insurance.

## Does my pool need to be secured with fencing or gating?

All in-ground pools must be secured by a barrier at least 48" high. All gates must be self closing and self latching with a latch release at 54" height from the ground.

